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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (currently amended) The operating system kernel according to claim 11, wherein
said predetermined set of values are selected from a ~~the~~ group of heuristics consisting of
number of read requests, number of write requests, proportion of read requests to write
requests, average time for a process to submit successive job requests, input/output
throughput, and disk utilization.;